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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of October, 1990)

According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest report, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters decreased during October. The land crew total decreased by three to 98, and the marine crew total decreased by two for a total of 121 crews and vessels, a net decrease of five crews.

The October total (121) represents a decrease of 4% from last month, a 7% decrease from October, 1989, a 30% decrease from October, 1988, a 38% decrease from October, 1987, a 23% decrease from October, 1986, a 66% decrease from October, 1985, and **a decrease of 76% from the same month in 1984.**

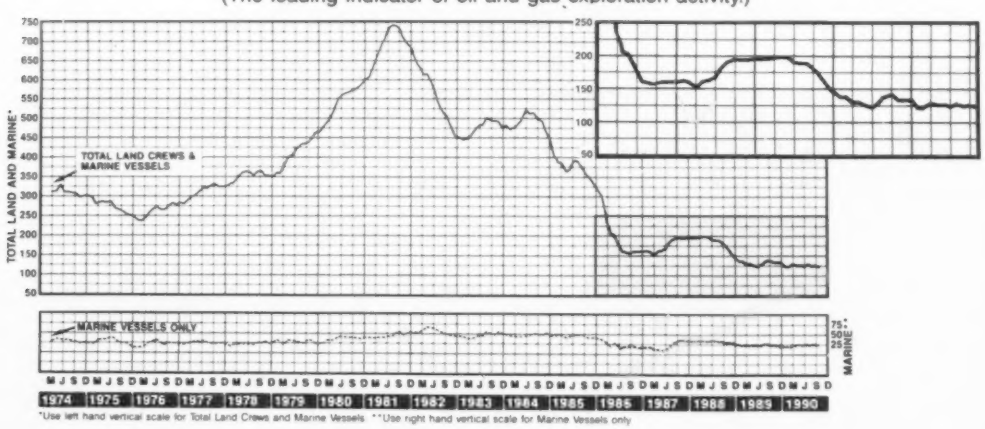
During October, three contractors were operating three of the 91 land crews and none of the twenty-one marine vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Oct.'89	Oct.'88	Oct.'87	Oct.'86	Oct.'85	Oct.'84
	121	126	130	172	195	158	357	497

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Oct. 1989	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1984	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Oct. 1989	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1984
34 Contr's:	91	93	100	128	148	119	279	412	21	23	18	27	29	18	38	42
4 Oil Co's:	7	8	9	14	15	17	33	37	2	2	3	3	3	4	7	6
1 Gov't:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	98	101	109	142	163	136	312	449	23	25	21	30	32	22	45	48

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Use left hand vertical scale for Total Land Crews and Marine Vessels. **Use right hand vertical scale for Marine Vessels only.

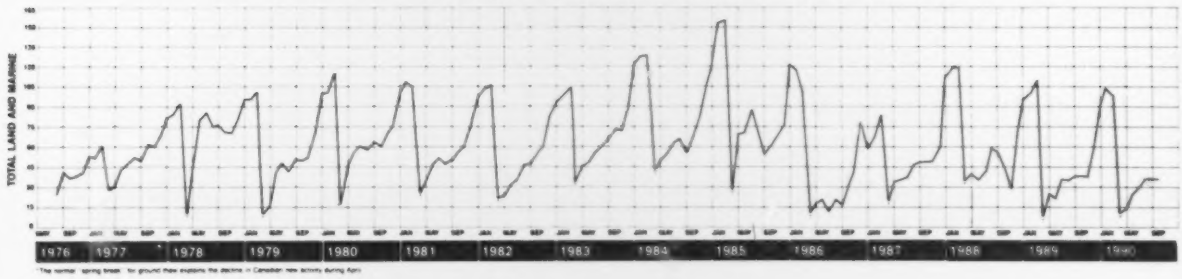
*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

October, 1990 (September figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Crews
21 Contractors:	35 (30)	1 (3)
1 Oil Company:	1 (1)	0 (0)
Totals:	36 (31)	1 (3)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was instigated in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(Seismic crews searching for oil & gas.)